

Subject: Written testimony for Bill HB 5915 for Monday February 23rd public hearing.

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Dear members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Dr. Sandra Weller, and I have lived in Unionville CT since 1984. I have also been a professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center since that time. I am a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and Chair of Molecular Biology and Biophysics. Currently I also serve as. I am writing to support HB 5915: An Act Concerning Health Freedom and the Practice of Classical Homeopathy.

I support this bill because I believe the citizens of Connecticut have a right to access to homeopathic care delivered by well-trained homeopaths. The homeopathic education is comprehensive, and individuals who have completed it are well qualified to provide care to our citizens. Currently, access to homeopaths is limited in CT. There is an antiquated law from 1893 that says only medically trained individuals can practice homeopathy in CT. This is unnecessarily restrictive, since there are many qualified homeopaths who are qualified to provide excellent care to our citizens. I do not believe it is necessary to have an M.D. degree to provide this type of care. Furthermore, I would like to have the option to chose this kind of care for myself and my family and have been disappointed that access is so limited. I believe homeopathy is safe and affordable, and I would like CT to allow nationally board certified classical homeopaths (CCHs) to be able to offer their services in CT. The CCH is the highest level of achievement for a professional homeopathy and the credential is recognized worldwide. Please support this bill and urge your colleagues to do the same. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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